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MIKE DOUGLAS SHOW SCHEDULE

There have been some questions as to when the five 90-minute shows taped last week here at Walt Disney World will be broadcast. **EYES & EARS** talked with WDBO-TV (channel 6 in Orlando) and found that the shows will be telecast **Monday, February 23, through Friday, February 27, from 9 am to 10:30 am.** WDBO-TV normally carries only the first 60 minutes of the Mike Douglas Show, however, they will be broadcasting all 90

minutes of the five shows taped at Walt Disney World.

So you work those days in the morning and want to see the programs? Don't worry, arrangements are being made to keep video tape copies of all five shows which can be re-broadcast into the employee cafeterias at a later date. **EYES & EARS** will carry a schedule of when and where.

MONORAILS BREAK 2 MILLION MILE MARK

On January 9, the combined accumulative mileage our 10 Walt Disney World monorails have traveled neared two and a half million miles, when they registered 2,442,000 miles on their support beams. Another way to look at this is that the monorails together have traveled far enough to make **five round-trips to the moon and back . . .** a distance of 238,857 between here and there!

Our monorails have changed somewhat over the past four years, so we thought we'd take a minute to look at them. In the past, all 10 trains had five cars in them. But this past fall, we added a sixth car to all of the express trains,

bringing their capacity up from 212 to 252 guests. These express trains travel the outer beam and make the 2 and 3/4 miles trip in only 11 minutes. The five trains with six cars include Monorails Black, Purple, Pink, Yellow and Silver.

The monorail with the most accumulative mileage since opening is Monorail Orange with 239,529 (almost to the moon!) and the least accumulative mileage is Monorail Black with 158,948 miles. However, Monorail Silver had the most mileage put on it in one month when it registered 6,393 miles.

FIRST EMPLOYEE HERE 10 YEARS

Walt Disney World's first Orlando employee, **Julia Switlick**, celebrated her tenth anniversary here February 1st. Julia is presently a Personnel Assistant in charge of personnel records for Lake Buena Vista Communities and the Village.

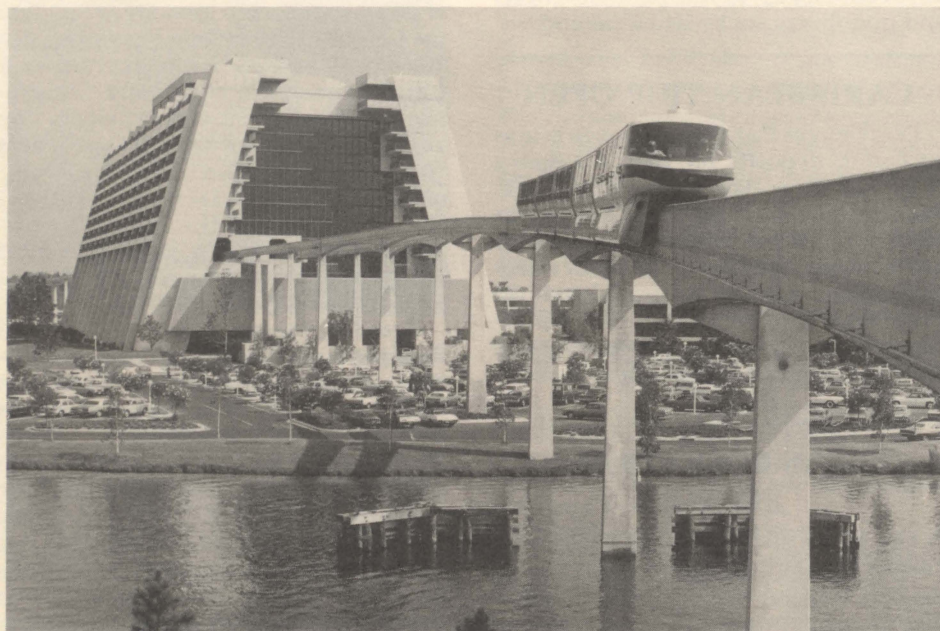


EYES & EARS asked her to recount what it was like a decade ago at Walt Disney World and what brought her here. Julia told us that she was hired on February 1, 1966 as a Legal Secretary to **Phil Smith** (presently Vice President - Legal), who had come from the Miami area to set up Walt Disney World on paper, so to speak. Phil and Julia were the only employees in the Orlando office, which was located in the Metcalf Building, for about the first three years, as **General Potter** and others working on the "Florida Project" were based in California . . . and flew to Florida only occasionally.

Julia has many memories of "the way to was," but three in particular stand out; when she met **Walt Disney** on his last trip to Orlando, when she flew over the property before any construction had begun, and when she rode across Bay Lake in a jeep during the time the lake was drained for cleaning.

In addition to her duties as Legal Secretary to Phil, Julia served as District Clerk for Reedy Creek Improvement District and as City Clerk for both the City of Bay Lake and City of Lake Buena Vista for the first three years of their existence. Later, she was Executive Secretary and Office Manager for Lake Buena Vista Communities for three years while the four Plaza hotels were being built.

Happy 10th anniversary, Julia!





DOING YOUR OWN TAX RETURNS?

The **Cast Library**, located in Cast Activities, now has a new manual for filling out your tax return forms. Those that have used it have reported that it is extremely helpful in figuring out exactly what you can deduct, how to fill in the blanks, etc. It's located in the **reference section**.

CAST ACTIVITIES TICKET CENTER

The Cast Activities ticket office has available tickets to the following events in Central Florida:

"Festival of Music" - February 14, 8:15 pm, Orlando Municipal Auditorium. It features **Rosemary Clooney**, **Boots Randolph** and **Floyd Kramer**.

"Harvey Blackstone, Jr." - February 7, Lakeland Civic Center.

"Benny Goodman" - February 10, Lakeland Civic Center.

"Ringling Brothers' Circus" - February 13, 14 & 15, Lakeland Civic Center.

"Victor Borge" - February 17, Lakeland Civic Center.

"Man of La Mancha" - March 19, 8:30 pm, Orlando Municipal Auditorium. It is the international musical based on Cervantes' "Don Quixote," with a great score headed by the unforgettable "The Impossible Dream."

BOXING MATCH TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Orlando Jaycees' **A.A.U. Boxing Invitational** is to be held at the Orlando Sports Stadium on **Saturday, February 14**, at 8 pm. There are 13 fights scheduled for the evening, including **Sammy Masias** and **Terry (Rooten) Tooten**. All proceeds will go to support amateur boxing in Central Florida. Reserved seats are \$3 and general admission is \$2. However, with your Disney ID, you may get a **50¢ discount** on general admission only. Tickets are available through February 13 at Cast Activities.

TENNIS CLINIC

A Tennis Clinic will be offered for beginners on **February 16, 18, 23 & 25** at 8 am at the Contemporary Resort courts. The price is \$10 for the four sessions, each lasting one hour. For more information on these clinics, please call the **tennis shop** at the Contemporary. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.

SCUBA TRIP COMING UP

An exciting 3-day SCUBA diving trip to **Key Largo** is planned for the weekend of **February 13**. The group will leave Friday evening and return Monday, February 16. For more details, plan on attending the next meeting of the **Dive Club** at the Carlton Arms South Apartments Clubhouse at 7:30 pm on **Tuesday, February 10**. Or, contact **Nock Russell** at 423-0210.

SNOW SKIING TRIP SET

Cast Activities is now accepting deposits of **\$48 per person** for cast members and their families who want to travel to **Beech Mountain, N.C.** for three-days of skiing. The cost of the trip is only **\$94 per person**, which includes round-trip bus transportation via a chartered Greyhound bus, two nights accommodations at the **Village Inn** . . . one of the resort's top hotels . . . three days' use of rental ski equipment, and three lift tickets.

The trip is set for departure **Thursday evening, February 19**, and returning **Monday morning, February 22**. Interested? Then call Cast Activities or stop by their offices for more information and reservations. There are only **38 seats** available, so check today!

GREAT WHITE SHARK!

That's right, the next meeting of the **Dive Club** will feature tales of the Great White Shark as a representative of **Sea World** will be the guest speaker. He will bring along information about the exhibit at **Sea World** as well as information on sharks in general. This is one meeting you don't want to miss!

The meeting will be at the Carlton Arms South Apartments Clubhouse on **Tuesday, February 24**, at 7:30 pm. Both divers and non-divers are invited to attend.

CARIBBEAN TRIP OPEN

Don't forget that Cast Activities is now accepting deposits for their upcoming three night/four day cruise to the Caribbean on the **T.S. Flavia**, out of Miami. The trip costs **\$180 per person** (adult) and has many extras. Call Cast Activities at extension 4254 or drop by their offices on the 2nd floor of The Center for more information and reservations . . . but hurry, there are only a **limited** number of seats available.

GIRLS BASKETBALL FINALS

The finals for the **Girls Basketball League** will be held **February 6** at 9 pm in the Pine Hills Boy's Club gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

MUSICAL PLAY AT F.T.U.

Florida Technological University will soon be presenting the most exciting musical ever to come to their stage, when the curtain rises on the Pulitzer prize-winning play, "**Of Thee I Sing**." Written by **George Kaufman** with musical score by **George and Ira Gershwin**, the cast of over 30 singing, dancing and performing F.T.U. students will present the explosive non-stop comedy, which is a satire on American politics, just in time to get you ready for the upcoming election year as well as our current Bicentennial year.

The production is directed by **Dr. David Mays**, Director of F.T.U.'s **University Theatre**, with choreography and choral arrangements by the participating students. The large cast in "**Of Thee I Sing**" contains many of F.T.U.'s finest veteran stars as well as many new faces.

Opening night in **Thursday, February 12**, with additional performances on **February 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 & 21**.

Curtain time is 8:30 pm for each performance, except February 15 when it's 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$2.50 and reservations may be made by calling 275-2861 between 10 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday.

MURPH'S SPORTS LINE

by: Thom Murphy, EYES & EARS area reporter

The **Golf Association's** next big tournament will be held on **Sunday, February 22**, at the Buena Vista Course. This will be a "scramble" tournament with an 8:30 am "shot-gun" start. **Deadline** for tournament entries will be **Sunday, February 15**, and club members must call the Golf Resort Pro Shop at 824-2200, extension 3942, to confirm their reservation. The entry fee for each player is \$10, which includes golf cart, greens fee and prize money. Call to make sure you get in!

The **Basketball** scores for the **8th week** of play went like this: **Monday League** had the Crystal Palace pulling themselves to a 5-3 record with an important win over LBV Communities 64-61, and Contemporary Lodging pulled into a first place tie as they slipped by the Vista Warriors 50-46. Both the Lodging and Communities teams stand at 6 wins and 2 losses. LBV Independents won over Frontierland Operations 57-41, moving to a 5-3 record, and the Zoo Crew devoured Town Square Cafe 50-40.

Tuesday League action saw Central Foods winning their eighth straight to remain the only undefeated men's team in all of the leagues. Their big number eight was over Frontierland Foods 87-41. The Scavengers from Fort Wilderness won their seventh against one loss by beaching Water Ski #1 by 53-48. Elsewhere, Jungle Cruise won their third straight, after five losses in a row, as they took Admissions on a safari 68-35. And Bordens made cheese out of Resort #1 with a 63-41 win.

Wednesday League play had Contemporary Housekeeping winning their seventh game as they beat Equal Opportunity 49-33, to maintain their lead in this league. Transportation kept pace at 6-2 with a 70-60 win over a stubborn Foods #1 team. The Polynesian Stars kept their hopes alive with a 71-69 squeaker over The Center to sit at 6-2. Employee Relations put the damper on the Independents by 74-33.

Thursday League Womens play had the Golf Resort gals winning their seventh with no defeats as they out-drove Fantasyland Merchandise 37-23, and the Theme Park ladies won their second straight to rise over .500, at 4-3, as they out-gunned LBV Village 52-23. **Mens** play put the French Fryin' Legion over Monorail in a 2-0 forfeit game, giving them seven wins and only one loss, and the Village Restaurant also took a 2-0 forfeit win over Space Mountain to pull up to 4-4.

The **Winter Olympic Games** start this week at Innsbruck, Austria, and this should be a reminder to all that Cast Activities still has a large selection of Olympic souvenirs on display in the trophy case on the 2nd floor of The Center. These items are a great way to help support our U.S. team in Austria. Stop by Cast Activities for more details.

WATCH OUT FOR SLICK FAST-TALKERS

"Hey, buddy . . . wanna buy a watch . . . I'll sell it cheap." Does that phrase conjure up visions of a sharpie with weasle eyes and twenty watches strapped up his arm? It may have in the old days, but not any longer . . . because with the influx of tourists in the Central Florida area comes a flock of modern-looking confidence men out to con you.



And they are carrying all sorts of merchandise, from "a \$250 watch I'll let go for \$50 just to you because you have an honest face" to an "expensive diamond ring" that any good jeweler will tell you is nothing but cut glass. So if you are approached by anyone on the street offering you a bargain that sounds too good to be true, then just ask him to escort you to the nearest jewelry store for an appraisal of the watch, ring, neckless or whatever the item may be . . . and watch how quick he will excuse himself to the bathroom. Remember, anyone

with nothing to hide will not mind verifying the worth of their merchandise.

We thought this might also be a good time to restate our revised Company policy on solicitations. It states that:

"Unauthorized sales, solicitations or collecting of contributions on the premises of Walt Disney World for any purpose whatsoever during working time will not be permitted. In addition, the unauthorized distribution or posting of literature, written or printed material is prohibited.

"Permission for authorized sales, solicitations or distribution of printed material during working time and in working areas of the Company must be obtained from the Disney World Operating Committee.

Violation of any of the above shall be grounds for disciplinary action, not excluding termination.

"The only exception to these guidelines is the annual United Fund Campaign."

We talked with **Greg Weeks**, Manger of Security, about the policy regarding anyone soliciting on Walt Disney World property. He said, "No soliciting of any sort is allowed on our property. If anyone should approach you, you should ask for some personal identification and call Security." Greg added that "We need to be told about it as soon as it happens, not a week later."

So if you have any questions regarding what actually constitutes soliciting, check with Security. And out there in your own neighborhoods, watch out for those fast-talkers, because you may get more than just a good deal . . . like a worthless watch!



Over a year and a half ago, a total rehab of over 1,000 rooms in the Contemporary Resort was started. And last Friday, it was completed. Many of the crewmen turned out to celebrate the occasion, and a cake was cut to signify the end of the massive project. The crews which assisted in the rehab project included the Mill Shop, Staff Shop, Maintenance Services, Paint Shop, Decorating, Hotel Housekeeping, Hotel Front Office, Electrical Shop, Hotel Maintenance and Planning.

(Photo by Buster LaFavre)

LAKE BUENA VISTA NEWS

by: Jim James, EYES & EARS area reporter

Work is progressing on the clearing of the island in Buena Vista Lagoon just out from the Village, with completion set for April. Construction will then begin on the riverboat restaurant to be located there.

(Editor's Note - The following is an excerpt from the November 21, 1975 issue of **WORLDGRAM** describing the riverboat project)

"The major element of Phase II development in Lake Buena Vista will be the construction of the riverboat . . . a dining, lounge and entertainment complex to be built on the Buena Vista Lagoon.

"Blueprints from several turn-of-the-century riverboats have been obtained to assist in design concepts and keep as much authenticity in our riverboat as possible.

"The exterior will be heavily decorated in mahogany and brass. The stern paddle will turn as an additional show factor for guests strolling on the decks and dining in the restaurants.



Part of the group working on the new riverboat project at Buena Vista Design includes (l-r) Bob Toothman, Karen Walker, Bibi Katusic, Monte Hanson and Don Minnich.

"At the bow of the main deck is a show bar. Decor will be turn-of-the-century, Bourbon Street-style with a mahogany bar, wood planked floors and stained glass.

"At the stern of the main deck will be a steakhouse restaurant. It will carry the same turn-of-the-century decor with a dominance of mahogany, burgundy colors and leaded glass . . . and offer the guests a view of the paddle-wheel and the lagoon.

"The second (or 'promenade') deck will feature a seafood restaurant at the bow and an elegant gourmet restaurant at the stern. Decorated in Louis XV motif, the gourmet restaurant will contain a raised dome ceiling with a large chandelier, etched glass panels between banquettes (booths), silk or damask wall coverings, sculpted wall moldings and details of off-white and gold. There will also be an exclusive entry to this dining room from the dock via a gangplank.

"On the third or 'Texas' deck is a dining area suitable for banquets and private parties and a lounge.

"Other elements of the boat include two waiting lounges and the 'quiet lounge' . . . an intimate cocktail area."

Once construction is begun on the riverboat in April or early March, it will take approximately 18 months to complete.

Other news in Lake Buena Vista includes the **Captain's Tower** in the Village becoming a Valentine's Tree on Saturday and Sunday, **February 7 & 8** and again on **February 13 & 14**. Valentine's merchandise from the **Candy Shoppe**, **2 R's**, **Flower Garden** and the **Signature Shop** will decorate the area . . . making it just the place to shop for that special person on Valentine's Day.

And **Dr. Laurence J. Peter**, renowned author of "The Peter Principle" and "The Peter Prescription," will be autographing his new book at **2 R's** on Friday and Saturday, **February 13 & 14**, from 2 to 5 p.m. In his newest book, "The Peter Plan," Dr. Peter uses his technique of satire to explain how to avoid falling prey to the Peter Principle and outlines his anti-incompetence systems.

NEW WDDC SHOWROOM OPENS

Roland Pierce, Director of the Walt Disney Distributing Company, announced this week the opening of their new showroom at Room 524 of the 200 Fifth Avenue Building in New York City. The showroom's opening precedes the 1976 Toy Fair, which is the largest toy market in the United States and which will be attended by buyers from all sections of the nation. The Fifth Avenue showroom will be used to display merchandise of both imported and domestic manufacture, which are distributed nationally and internationally by Walt Disney Distributing Company.

WHAT'S NEW AT FORT WILDERNESS?

by: Kathy Luck, EYES & EARS area reporter

Here at Fort Wilderness, progress is all around us . . . but you'd never be able to tell by all the trees that are standing.

Of course, **River Country** is changing a large part of the campgrounds. This new water oriented attraction . . . a very major attraction . . . will be located behind Pioneer Hall where the Tri-Circle-D Ranch was located.

But River Country is not the only new construction going on: Near River Country is our **campground expansion project**,

where 114 new campsites are being built. Scheduled for guest occupancy this summer, the new campsites will increase Fort Wilderness' camping capacity to 825 individual sites. At completion, 755 of the sites will have hook-ups for water, sewage and electricity, while 70 will be reserved for tent camping and have only water and electrical hook-ups.

Recently, the **Wilderness Railroad** was closed for rehab. A section of track near Pioneer Hall is being re-routed and the entire system is scheduled to go back into operation with the opening of River Country, in early June.

At the other end of Fort Wilderness, three separate projects are well underway. The major one is a new kennel facility. Located near the Outpost Reception Center, the kennel will provide many services for our guest campers' pets. Since a majority of residents at the Kal Kan Kennel at the T.T.C. belong to campers, this will ease the demand on their facility. It will also provide campers with access to their pets.

The next major project is the relocation of the **Tri-Circle-D-Ranch** . . . moved due to River Country. The Ranch is where all of our Walt Disney World horses are kept, including the working horses on Main Street. The new location is along Vista Boulevard just east of the Outpost Reception Center. This move will give the Ranch more room as well as more pasture.

Due to all the construction in the Ranch area, its animal tenants have been cut way back. Currently, only the Main Street working horses are being cared for at the Ranch. The trail ride saddle horses have been put to pasture for the season.

The last project is the construction of additional **parking spaces** at the entrance to Fort Wilderness. With River Country on the way, many more spaces will be needed soon. This construction is visible from Vista Boulevard as you pass Fort Wilderness.



Russell Schroeder (l) and Perry Russ (r) are seen here setting up the new display in the archive cases, located in The Center's lobby. The new display covers many of the employee activities, dating back as far as 1929 . . . right up to the present. Next time you're passing by The Center, why not stop by and see how things have changed . . . or not changed.



"It must be something in the water over here," said one of their co-workers in the Lake Buena Vista Preview Center this week, when both Barbara Cribley and Jack Snell showed up on crutches. It seems that Barbara, who works in the LBV Training Office, pulled all the ligaments in her foot on Monday playing tennis at the Buena Vista Club courts . . . and Jack, Operations Supervisor for LBV, pulled all the ligaments in his knee on Tuesday playing basketball for the LBV team. Guess it's a good thing the Preview Center is located right down the street from Orange Vista Hospital!

'66 **IMPALA SS**, Exc. Mech. Shape, good solid shape. No rust & new tires. Ask for Mark or Dick, 843-2379.

'74 **MONTE CARLO, LANDAY**, black, only 23,000 mi. Exc. condition. AM/FM stereo radio, front & back speakers, power steering, swivel bucket seats. A/C, spoke wheels, \$800 D/P. Take over payments. 275-0757 after 7 p.m.

'71 **COUGAR**, AM, air, power steering, 8 track. \$900. Call 293-8234 after 8 p.m. or 351-4508.

'66 **DODGE SPORTSMAN VAN**, needs work. Make offer. Jim or Kim at 851-2443.

'70 **HARLEY DAVIDSON ELECTRA GLIDE**, 12,000 mi., comp. w/chrome accessories & fiberglass saddle bags. Sacrifice to settle estate. Call after 6 p.m. 851-0587.

'74 **KAWASAKI 400**, 9000 mi, new chain and sprockets. Good cond. Call 894-1760.

'74 **SX-175 HARLEY DAVIDSON**, low mi. real real cream puff! Call Dick or Mark at 843-2379.

'72 **YAMAHA RSC**, new gear work. New top end. Runs great. Have \$850 in bike and asking \$650. Call Dick or Mark at 843-2379.

SCUBA GEAR FOR SALE: Set of Pro Jet Fins (\$18); Snorkel (\$5); Diving mask (\$7); Dacor Diving Knife (\$7); or all for \$37. 876-2370 after 5:30 p.m. and ask for Mike. All day Sat. or Sun.

SCUBA EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: Two steel 72' tanks, back pack, dbl. hose regulator, sea-view gauge, top quality. Recently tested & in super cond. Must sell \$260. Call 425-6326.

BASS FISHING BOAT FOR SALE: 1975 15' boat, waterover, with 20 hp Johnson, Morse stick steering & throttle. 37 qt. ice chest on bow, two pedestals & swivel chairs that are padded, trolling mtr stand, blue carpet, silver hull, 10 lb anchor w/lift and reel, running lights & comp wiring, rod holders. Call Mike at 876-2370 after 5:30 p.m. Anytime on weekends.

SURFBOARD FOR SALE: Gordon & Smith, 6'8", \$50. Call 857-2527.

TRADE: Will trade 72 Johnson 125 hp, SST prop. under warranty for 70 85 hp with tilt. 855-3933.

ELECTRA AM/FM 8-TRACK STEREO REC. W/SPEAKERS: Unit 3 yrs. old & in exc. cond. \$80. Call Bill at 298-2997 after 6 p.m.

CAR TAPE PLAYER: 8-track, auto, radio, deluxe has fast fwd., repeat, headphone jack, \$40. Call 857-2527.

BAR BELL & DUMB BELLS: Set - 110 lbs. \$20. 876-2370 after 5:30 p.m., anytime weekends, ask for Mike.

BROWN, BABY CRIB: With mattress & bumper. Good cond. \$23. Carlos 851-1033.

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